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SUBJECT: ITALIAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION DELEGATION

REF: MOEN-WENICK TELCON

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO REPRESENTATIVE JARMAN THAT SENATOR MICHELE CIFARELLI (PRI) HAS HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN VISIT OF THE ITALIAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION DELEGATION BECAUSE OF UNEXPECTED PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS IN ITALY. VISAS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED TO THE ENTIRE GROUP. (FYI-ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANDREOTTI AND RICCIUTI, WHO ALREADY HAD VALID VISAS, HAVE RECEIVED B-1 VISAS VALID FOR ONE ENTRY DURING NOVEMBER WITH THE TWO PCI MEMBERS HAVING THE LENGTH OF STAY LIMITED TO NINE DAYS.)

2. RE REFTELCON, DOTT. NICOLA RICCIUTI WAS BORN AT NAPLES ON JANUARY 25, 1924. A GRADUATE OF THE LEGAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES, RICCIUTI SUCCESSFULLY PASSED IN 1950 THE COMPETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. DURING SUCCEEDING YEARS, HE SERVED AS THE CHIEF OF CABINET FOR SEVERAL MINISTERS FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PARLIAMENT. PRESENTLY, HE IS A COUNSELLOR TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND CHIEF OF THE OFFICE FOR PROTOCOL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE ALSO SERVES AS SECRETARY FOR THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TO THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ITALIAN GROUP OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY

UNION.

3. COMMENT: FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, CIFARELLI'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DELEGATION IS APPARENTLY LINKED TO A LETTER (AUTHORED BY PRI DEPUTY PREMIER LAMALFA) WHICH APPEARED IN LA VOCE REPUBRICANA OCTOBER 29 SUGGESTING THAT DUE TO PRESSING NATIONAL NEEDS MINISTER ANDREOTTI SHOULD REMAIN IN ITALY RATHER THAN TRAVEL TO THE US WITH THE DELEGATION. ANDREOTTI BRUSHED OFF THE QUESTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR COMMENT FROM NEWSMEN. MOST OBSERVERS VIEW THE LAMALFA SALVO AS THE RESULT OF PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN HIM AND ANDREOTTI. WHILE DOTT. RICCIUTI HAS INDICATED TO US IN CONFIDENCE THAT A NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE LAMALFA LETTER, CIFARELLI FEELS THAT TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DELEGATION AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD INDICATE A PUBLIC DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND LAMALFA. THEREFORE HE HAS REGRETFULLY HAD TO WITHDRAW CITING PERSONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND ASKING THAT WE BE INFORMED THAT HIS ACTION DID NOT HAVE A "POLITICAL CONNOTATION".
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